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Title: A NOVEL PLANARIZATION METHOD OF COPPER
DAMASCENE

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Sir:

I, Shau-Lin Shue and Syun-Ming Jang, hereby state:

1. I am a co-inventor of Claims 1-12 of the above-identified patent application.
2. Prior to February 26, 1998, we conceived of the idea for A Novel Planarization Method Of Copper Damascene, as described and claimed in our application, and a copy of the invention disclosure describing our invention entered the United States of America before February 26, 1998.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States

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